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REQUEST FOR PROJECTS FOR THE CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE (CBI) GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST

California's coastal water monitoring requirements have in recent years revealed that bacterial pollution at the State's beaches is widespread and too often exceeds acceptable levels. In addition beaches in California are periodically closed due to sewage spills. The major goal of the CBI Grant Program is to reduce these health risks and increase the public's access to clean beaches.

The State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Division of Clean Water Programs (Division) is currently soliciting viable projects that will help achieve the goal of clean and healthy coastal waters for all that reside in and visit California. Although funding has not yet been approved for these CBI grants, it appears that approximately 46 million dollars (\$46,000,000) will be appropriated to the SWRCB by the Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act (AB 2534) authored by Assembly Members Pavley and Nakano. AB 2534 is expected to provide public agencies and non-profit organizations grants for the following types of projects:

- Projects designed to improve coastal water quality at public beaches to ensure the beach waters meet current bacteriological standards of the California Health and Safety Code.
- Projects to improve, upgrade, or convert existing sewer collection or septic systems for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.
- Projects designed to implement storm water and runoff pollution reduction and prevention programs that directly affect water quality at public beaches.
- Projects designed to implement best management practices for the restoration and protection of coastal water quality.

The Division will incorporate all viable projects submitted by the deadline below on a Priority List that will be presented to the SWRCB for approval. Only projects on the adopted Priority List will be considered for CBI grants. Placement on the Priority List will not be a commitment, however, to disburse grant funds. Commitment of grant funds to a specific project will only take place after the project is reviewed to ensure that it meets all requirements of the authorizing

legislation. Project proponents will be asked at a future date to provide the additional information the SWRCB needs to commit grant funds to a project.

Enclosed is a form that will provide the SWRCB the information necessary to determine the priority of a proposed project. Priority will be given to projects that reduce bacterial contamination at public beaches or improve coastal water quality effectively, quickly, and permanently. State laws regarding Environmental Justice will also be a factor in determining the priority of projects on the Priority List.

If you have a project, or projects, that you believe qualifies for CBI grant funding, and would like the project(s) considered for placement on the CBI Priority List, please complete the attached two-page form (one project per form) and return it by October 18, 2002, to:

**Clean Beaches Initiative
Grant Program Priority List
State Water Resources Control Board
Loans & Grant Branch
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
P.O. Box 944212
Sacramento, CA 94244-2120**

If you know of other public agencies or non-profit organizations that might benefit from CBI grant funding, please share this information and the form with them.

Information is updated periodically at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/beaches/index.html>. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Mr. Mark Fong at (916) 341-5827 or fongm@cwpc.swrcb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

Barbara L. Evoy, Chief
Division of Clean Water Programs

<p>CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM PRIORITY LIST FORM</p>
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Attach Additional Sheets if Necessary

Lead Agency Information

Agency Name:
Address:
Contact Name:
Telephone:
E-mail:
Fax:

Beach/Coastal Area Information

Beach/Coastal Area Name (Highlight the effected area on a map):
Describe the beach and existing water quality. Include details such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Quantify postings and closures by year (beach mile-days).◆ Number of annual users.◆ Causes of bacterial contamination or adverse water quality.

Project Information

Project Location (Include a map or address if appropriate.):
Describe the Project: Explain how the project will reduce postings or closures at the beach or improve coastal water quality.
Estimated Cost of the Project:

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Timeline

	Target Date
Complete Planning:	
Complete CEQA :	
Complete Design:	
Start Construction:	
Initiate Operation:	

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